



Breakthrough
Cincinnati

Breakthrough Cincinnati Internship

STEP

SECOND-YEAR
TRANSFORMATIONAL
EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

What I learned:

This internship taught me how to create engaging lesson plans, time-management, problem solving, and increased my interpersonal skills. I also learned about the passion I have for education and creating a society where all children have equal access to education.

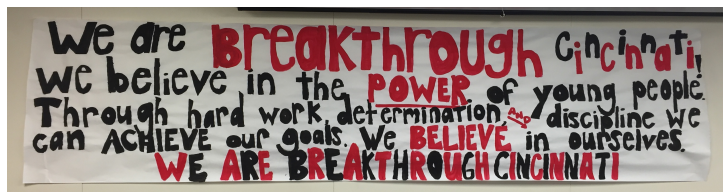
How this experience impacted my academic, personal, and life goals:

After completing this internship, I switched from a Pre-Medicine track to Life Sciences Education. After graduation I would like to join the Peace Corps and serve under the education sector in a country abroad.

In the future, I hope to obtain a Masters in Education and possibly a PhD. I plan to pursue a career as a college professor and conduct research about people with disabilities.

Experience Description:

Breakthrough Cincinnati is a nonprofit organization that aims to reduce the achievement gap that is present within underserved communities. This organization provides a 4-year program for students that attend Cincinnati Public Schools and are in grades 6-9. BTC runs on the motto of “students teaching students” and provides internships for college students to serve as Teaching Fellows for the program. The responsibilities of a Teaching Fellow include creating lesson plans, engaging the students in a creative matter, and providing an inviting and positive classroom environment.



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How this experience impacted me:

This experience showed me the harsh realities of the achievement gap that are present even in my hometown. By providing students in underserved areas with more resources that they deserve, it is possible to increase graduation and college matriculation rates in these areas.

My favorite part:

My favorite part of this experience was forming meaningful and lasting relationships with my coworkers and students. My internship felt less stressful because they made my experience full of fun and laughter while preparing me to become an educator. I hope to serve as a Teaching Fellow again this summer.